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CELLS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.114

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants now reply to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2005 ("Action"). Applicants are concurrently submitting a Request for Continued Examination and submit the instant paper as the submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. A Notice of Appeal was filed September 26, 2005, which provides two months for response to the Action. Thus, this response is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all outstanding rejections based on the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.